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For: METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OF EXHAUST GASES CONTAINING
ORGANOSILICON COMPONENTS OR ACCOMPANYING SUBSTANCES, AND
APPARATUS THEREFOR

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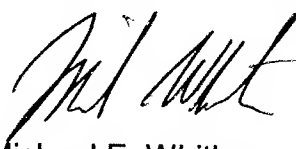
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits an executed declaration for the above-identified patent application. Because an executed declaration/oath was not filed with the original filing of the above application, applicants respectfully submit the attached executed Declaration.

It is noted that the \$130.00 surcharge for filing the declaration after the 30-month national date has already been paid. Therefore, it is deemed that no fees should be required for filing the declaration at this time. If it is decided that any fee is required for filing the declaration, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge the attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 and asked to notify us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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